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SUBJECT: SOVIET DESIRE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL NEW PROPERTY
IN COURTLANDT, NEW YORK

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN NEW YORK 3486 SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE
AUG 27, 1976 FROM USUN NEW YORK

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN 3486

DEPARTMENT PASS AMEMBASSY MOSCOW AND AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED INFORMALLY BY SMUN FIRST SECRETARY
NIKOLAT KRIYUBIN CONCERNING SOVIET MISSION DESIRE TO PURCHASE
VALERIA ESTATE IN COURTLANDT, NEW YORK.

2. ACCORDING TO FIRYUBIN, SOVIETS WANT VERY MUCH TO HAVE A
RETREAT IN THE COUNTRY. HE ADVISED THAT PROPERTY IS ABOUT
35 MILES FROM NEW YORK. THERE ARE SEVEN HOUSES ON PROPERTY,
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NONE MORE THATN THREE STORIES HIGH, WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT

250 PEOPLE. THE PROPERTY IS ON ABOUT 500 ACRES, AND HAS A MAN-MADE LAKE. AT ONE TIME, PROPERTY WAS USED AS A RETREAT FOR UNION PERSONNEL, BUT IS NO LONGER USED FOR THIS PRUPOSE.

3. IF SOVIETS ACQUIRED COURTLANDT PROPERTY, THEY WOULD OWN FIVE PROPERTIES IN NEW YORK. OTHER FOUR PROPERTIES ARE GLEN COVE ESTATE, PROPERTY IN OYSTER BAY AND APARTMENT HOUSES ON EAST 67TH STREET AND IN RIVERDALE.

4. SOVIETS WANT TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY OBJECTIONS TO THEIR PURCHASE OF VALERIA ESTATE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ON RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO SOVIET INQUIRY.
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